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# Office Action Summary

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## Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 February 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. DETAILED ACTION**

This action is responsive to the application filed on February 14, 2001. Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1-18 represent system, method, and article of manufacture for a network-based gift registry system.

**2. *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101***

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 7-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims are directed to code, not stored in computer readable medium, and are merely directed to software perse.

**3. *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gottsman et al. U.S. 6,134,548.

Gottsman teaches the invention as claim including system, method and article of manufacture for advanced mobile bargain shopping (see abstract).

As to claim 1, Gottsman teaches a method for generating a list of desired products for presentment to a person other than the user, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a plurality of product identifiers from a user utilizing a network, wherein each product identifier is associated with a particular product (abstract; column 51, lines 64-65, Gottsman discloses the step of querying for alternative product identifiers to obtain pertinent information; column 1-2, lines 63-67 to lines 1-3, Gottsman discloses the wireless device transmits the definitive product identifier to a service routine which converts it to whatever identifier is appropriate. The service routine then queries the Web to find price, shipping and availability information on the product from various Web suppliers);

(b) generating a list of the products (column 37, lines 58-60, Gottsman discloses...the overall integrator system coordinates the delivery of products and services for a user); and

(c) presenting the list to a person other than the user (column 1, lines 6-10, Gottsman discloses The present invention relates to agent based systems and more particularly...that accesses the Internet to obtain product information for a user)

As to claim 2, Gottsman teaches a method as recited in claim 1, wherein the product identifier is a representation of a bar code associated with the product (column 31, lines 18-23, Gottsman discloses a wireless phone or similar hand-held wireless device 920 with Internet Protocol capability is combined with a miniature barcode reader 910 (installed either inside the phone or on a short cable) and used to scan the Universal Product Code (UPC) bar code on a book or other product 900).

As to claim 3, Gottsman teaches a method as recited in claim 1, wherein the user identifies the other person, wherein an electronic copy of the list is sent to the other person (column 1, lines 6-10, Gottsman discloses The present invention relates to agent based systems and more particularly...that accesses the Internet to obtain product information for a user).

As to claim 4, Gottsman teaches a method as recited in claim 1, wherein the list is stored at a network site, wherein the other person downloads the list from the network site for viewing locally (abstract, Gottsman discloses...The service routine then queries the Web to find price, shipping and availability information on the product from various Web suppliers. This information is formatted and displayed on the hand-held device's screen).

As to claim 5, Gottsman teaches a method as recited in claim 1, wherein the list of products also includes information about at least one vendor of the product (column 31-32, lines 65-67 to 1-2, Gottsman discloses a user may utilize the web server software 940 to identify the right product 950 and then use an appropriate device's key(s) to select a supplier and place an order in accordance with a preferred embodiment; column 33, lines 27-30, Gottsman discloses the information contained in this database provides a link between the intention framework and the suppliers. It includes product lists, features and descriptions, and addresses of the suppliers' product web sites).

As to claim 6, Gottsman teaches a method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is the Internet (figure 10A; column 8, lines 4-8, Gottsman discloses the invention utilizes HyperText Markup Language (HTML) to implement documents on the Internet together with a general-purpose secure communication protocol for a transport medium between the client and the Newco).

**5. Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to El Hadji M Sall whose telephone number is 703-306-4153. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 703 308-7562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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